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# TCHER'S £250K FOR

A BUTCHER has accepted £250,000 in damages from Medway NHS Foundation Trust after a series of medical blunders led to his leg being amputated.

Ian Watts, from Rochester, was admitted to Medway Maritime Hospital in July, 2004, suffering from an infection in his little toe.

He left the hospital with his left leg amputated just below the knee.

Mr Watts, a diabetic, said the hospital's failure to properly control his diabetes and shoddy nursing practices

#### BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

resulted in the loss of the limb. His right foot also developed an infection as a result of a badly applied pressure stocking and doctors considered amputating it as well.

The former part-time butcher has

been left severely disabled and reliant on his wife who has multiple sclerosis. Mr Watts launched legal action against the trust and was finally offered a sum of £250,000 shortly before the case was due to go to court.

He said: "I was devastated at losing my leg and concerned about the

impact this would have on my future. I was terrified of losing my right leg, too. It was a physically and psychologically exhausting time and I was extremely depressed and distraught at the treatment I had received. I just wanted to die. I couldn't face living without legs."

Mr Watts was admitted to hospital after months of worsening pain. His initially sore toe had developed into an ulcer which had not improved despite regular treatment by his GP and the practice nurses. The hospital said the only treatment was to amputate the toe. Amputation did not work

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## CCTV RELEASED

Police are looking for this man in connection with an early-morning racially aggravated assault. The man – seen here on CCTV – is alleged to have verbally abused and spat at a man at Senola's kebab shop in Skinner

Street, Gillingham, at about 1am on Saturday, June 19.

A police spokesman said: "We are interested in speaking with this man, as he may be able to assist us with our inquiries."

If you were in the area at the time or have information which may help the police, contact Det Con Graham Leighton on 01634 792339; or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.



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## Prison warning to 'Mad Jack' business debt plot blackmailer

BY **STEVE KNIGHT** 

A BLACKMAILER who sent a loan shark nicknamed 'Mad Jack' to collect £400,000 from a rival businessman has been warned he faces prison.

Lakhbir Bhana, 41, says he was owed the cash for work his Dyneema construction company carried out on behalf of the Medway-based KKB Haulage firm, run by Colin Basi.

Bhana, from Gravesend was found guilty of conspiracy to blackmail after a two-and-a-half-week trial and will be sentenced in September. Also facing prison are Surjit Bhalla, 29, from Staines; Ajmal Ellahi, 34, from Birmingham; and John Phillips, 49, from Reading; who were all involved in the plot.

Det Sgt Gary Scarfe said: "This was an attempt to blackmail a businessman using threats of extreme violence against the victim and his family. The threat of firearms being used was mentioned as a means of enforcing the demand.

"These men were prepared to go to great lengths in order to obtain a large sum of money they believed they were entitled to."

Maidstone Crown Court heard how Bhana lost an adjudication against Mr Basi for the £340,000 he claimed to be owed, and was ordered to pay £60,000 costs.

In attempting to get the money back, Bhana enlisted the help of Ellahi in tracking down a debt collector. Ellahi in turn contacted



**ON TRIAL:** Maidstone Crown Court

Bhalla, who put him in touch with Phillips – a former bodybuilder nicknamed 'Mad Jack' and 'Rambo' who had a scar running from his eye down to his mouth and claimed to work for the IRA.

The court heard howBhalla drove his blue BMW to the KKB site with Phillips on June 17, 2009. Phillips entered the site and met Mr Basi where he then demanded "£340k and £60k".

Phillips handed Mr Basi a scrap of paper that included his home address and telephone numbers indicating he knew where he lived. Phillips threatened that if he failed to pay, he would go to the home with firearms and use violence against Mr Basi and his family.

Ian Acheson, prosecuting, said all three men had conspired together to use Phillips as 'muscle' in making demands with menaces from Mr Basi that would leave him in fear for the safety of himself and his family and be forced to pay them either the £400,000 in total or at least the £60,000 deemed to be the cost of the adjudication.

#### £250,000 payout

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE as severe pain then developed in Mr Watts' left foot.

Its condition deteriorated, so his leg was taken off below the knee.

While Mr Watts was bedridden after the operation, he noted there appeared to be a "state of disarray" on the ward and claimed nurses would sometimes nearly give him the wrong medication. A pressure stocking was also applied so tightly to his right leg that a blood blister developed. Nurses would periodically check the stump of the left leg, but no exam-

ination was made of the right.

After discharge, an ulcer developed on his right foot and he was admitted to East Grinstead Hospital and told that it would have to be amputated.

Fortunately, a second opinion was sought and a nine-hour operation saved the foot.

Mr Watts said: "The amputation has had a huge impact on the quality of my life and that of my wife, Susan. She has to help me with general care, which is difficult because of her MS.

"I used to enjoy golf and birdwatching, but am now unable to manage

the walking."
Kashmir Uppal, of Thompsons Solicitors, said: "Medway NHS Trust never admitted liability for what we consider to have been a series of failures that led to the loss of one leg and the near loss of the other. They also refused to settle the case until a few months before the trial, forcing Mr and Mrs Watts to go through a stressful litigation process.

"The compensation we have secured represents the money he will need to pay for his future care and assistance, as well as loss of earnings and the costs incurred in having his house adapted."

A Trust spokesman said: "Mr Watts' claim was settled without any admis-

sions of liability.
"The Trust extends its sincerest sympathy to Mr Watts for the dis-tress that he suffered and hopes that he will continue with his recovery."

#### Fraud suspects held

FOUR suspected Slovakian fraudsters were arrested during raids on two properties in Medway.

The gang – two men and two women – are thought to have stolen £275,000 in a tax credit scam.

They were arrested in Chatham and Rochester. Cash and documentation were recovered. It is believed the group completed fraudulent National Insurance applications and made bogus tax credits claims before laundering the proceeds.

#### Council tax arrears are £4.2m

MEDWAY Council has topped a table of shame with the most uncollected cash from council tax and business rates in the South East, according to a trade union.

But the council says it is is doing everything to cut the deficit and claims it will eventually collect most of the total debt.

The GMB found Medway's coffers were short of over £10 million in uncollected council taxes and rates from businesses

The people of Medway owe the council an astonishing £4,215,000 in council tax covering just the past year. And in the same period uncollected non domestic rates are sitting

at £6.250,000. The union said for all 67 councils in South East the total uncollected was

£154,175,559. Richard Ascough, GMB regional secretary, said: "This level of uncollected local taxes cannot be accepted at a time when deficits in the public finances are giving rise to cuts in public services and job losses at a time of high unemployment.

"We have called for the rules to be revamped to make non-payment of what amounts to a property tax almost impossible.

"For example, landlords are not allowed to collect council tax from tenants when they pay rent.

"This means short-term tenants can evade paying council taxes until they have left the property and make it difficult for councils to track them

A Medway Council spokesman said: "We have a duty to make sure everyone pays and we make every effort to recover all tax debt. While all councils realise there will be some bad debt, we expect to collect more than 98.5 per cent of all council tax billed over time.

"This is very much in line with other councils' expectations. The figures the GMB quotes do not present the full picture as they do not include arrears from previous years and do not take into account the fact councils use different methods to report the cash collected.

"This means you will get a different picture depending on which council it is. In addition, Medway is one of the largest authorities in the region, therefore it is expected to have a greater debt figure than the smaller district authorities listed."





COMING HOME: Extensive restoration of the Medway Queen, which made seven crossings to rescue troops from the beaches in Dunkirk, has been carried out in Bristol

## Plans in hand to bring Medway Queen home

DUNKIRK Little Ships heroine the Medway Queen is set to return home.

After decades of neglect, Britain's last estuary paddle steamer was reduced to a rotting pile of steel and

But as a massive restoration project in Bristol draws to an end, preparations are being finalised to bring the ship back home to Medway.

She should be afloat under her own steam some time next year.

A tentative date in September 2012 is the target for the trip to tow her back to the county, thanks to work being paid for with European funding secured by Medway Council, which has been supporting the Medway Queen Preservation Society.

More than £900,000 was secured from the European Regional Development Fund, which created training opportunities for apprentices to work on the historic restora-

#### BY CHRIS MURPHY

tion that will help keep old shipbuilding skills alive.

As the hull is being completed at a Bristol company, it is full steam ahead in Medway.

Apprentices are already busy restoring parts of the historic vessel so the refit can progress seamlessly when the hull arrives. Students from MidKent College are

using their skills in woodwork and engineering, including welding and

Luke Norris, 22, has been learning welding to restore handrails and

lamp standards.

He said: "It was a good opportunity to give something back to Medway and its history.

"Learning engineering at MidKent College has helped me, and in turn I can help with the restoration."

Chairman of the restoration proj-

ect, John Kempton, said: "We are happy with the progress being made and can't wait to get her back on the Medway where she belongs.

ing funding for this project,

as well as a range of other

initiatives we are working on with our partners in

Europe, all designed to ben-

"In this case, we have

worked closely alongside the Medway Queen

Preservation Society to

maximise the benefits this project will bring for every-

efit the community.

one in Medway.

The small ship rescued 7,000 men from the beaches of Dunkirk in 1940 in a record seven crossings of the

when the war ended, she returned to her paddle-steaming duties on the Thames and Medway before finally being retired in 1963.

Years later, the rotting hulk was rediscovered and an incredible battle began to get her afloat once again.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for strategic development and economic growth, Cllr Jane Chitty, said: This project has given Medway the unique opportunity to not only restore a piece of our naval heritage, but also to bring it back to Medway and engage our future generations, creating work and training opportunities for them."

"A lot of hard work went into secur-

#### **Cleaner jailed for** stealing cards and pin numbers

A CHATHAM woman has been jailed for 21 months after she admitted stealing thousands of pounds from elderly vic-

Michelle Phillips, of Brisbane Road,

was arrested in November year after she stole the money over a 10-month period.

The 43-year-old fraudster claimed her first victim when she worked as a carer for a 79year-old neighbour. During this FRAUD: Michelle Phillips time, Ms Phillips



took control of the man's finances and stole £15,000 from his bank account. For this crime she was charged with fraud

by abuse of position.

More victims were to follow as Ms Phillips went on to steal the bank cards and pin details of four other elderly people, while working as a cleaner in their homes in Chatham and Rochester.

She stole more than £6,500 from a 75-

year-old man and three women.

These incidents resulted in four charges of fraud by false representation.

Gary Smith, Detective Inspector for Kent Police in Medway said: "Phillips clearly abused her position of trust and preyed on old and vulnerable people to gain cash for herself.

"She has been rightly jailed for her actions, which has left elderly victims with little or no money. Her actions were selfish, calculated and have caused unrest to a number of people."

Ms Phillips admitted five counts of fraud and was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday, July 16.

#### Work set to start on £5m bus terminal

WORK is set to begin on the controversial Chatham town centre bus terminal.

Contractors are expected to begin building the £5 million riverside station in the next few weeks.

It is hoped that the Globe Lane facility will be operational by March next year.

Council bosses have appointed construction firm Morgan Sindall as the main developer of the terminal.

Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers said: "The appointment of Morgan Sindall as the main contractor represents important progress for Chatham.

"It means we can now press ahead with getting this superb new bus station up and running by next year. That's the deadline, because our central government funding for the project is time-limited.

"Even though the programme currently indicates an overrun beyond March 31, we are using every endeavour

to bring the project in on time."

The new station, used by all local bus operators, will replace the old terminal situated inside the Pentagon Shopping Centre, described by council regeneration boss Robin Cooper as one of the worst bus facilities in Britain.

It will use technology that tracks the progress of buses and feeds customers up-to-the-minute arrival and departure times on digital display boards.

It will also include 19 stops, with six along Waterfront Way, as well as waiting areas for passengers protected



CONTROVERSY: A model of the disputed bus terminal in Globe Lane

from the weather by glass screens, and a ticket centre with public toilets and vending machines.

The terminal proposal has been plagued by long delays, as a result of negative feedback from town centre businessmen, residents and shoppers.

Campaigners also opposed the station's location, which has led to a number of horse chestnut trees in The Paddock being chopped down.

A recent survey by customer watchdog Passenger Focus showed that value for money on Medway bus services was the worst among the 14 areas that took part.





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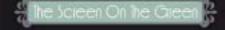
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**PAYING RESPECTS:** Crowds gather for the funeral of one of the firemen killed in the Fireman's Wedding tragedy

## Memorial plan for blaze victims gathers support

#### BY STEVE KNIGHT

A MEMORIAL to commemorate the victims of a public fire display that went tragically wrong could be on the cards following an international campaign.

Nine children and six adults burned to death during the Gillingham Park stunt in July 1929, when a blaze started by the town's firefighters raged out of control and ripped apart the makeshift house they were supposed to be rescued from.
Canadian dental hygienist Lori Oschefski,

who came across the story when researching her family tree, has campaigned for a permanent memorial to be placed at the scene of the tragedy that has already won backing from Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

And now Medway Council appears to be on board too, judging by an email sent to the 50year-old Ontario native by greenspace development manager Chris Valdus.

It read: "As part of a major funding package for Gillingham Park, Medway Council included a sum of money to incorporate a memorial to the lives lost in the tragedy.

"This funding was unfortunately not secured, but the council is currently reviewing implementing a smaller scheme and – subject to budget availability – will be including a memorial as this was a major event in

the history of the park."

The Fireman's Wedding display was a popular annual attraction at Gillingham Park, and would culminate every year with the fire brigade 'rescuing' volunteers from a three-storey structure cobbled together with wooden beams and tarpaulin.

It was rigged to catch fire, but the flamma-ble liquids were triggered too early and spec-tators were confronted with the horror of many of the children and adults burning or jumping to their deaths.

One of those who died was 12-year-old Navy cadet Eric Edward Cheeseman, whom Ms Oschefski discovered was the nephew of

her grandfather William Cheeseman. She told KOS Media she was keeping her fingers crossed that the memorial to the 15 victims – including three firefighters – would eventually see the light of day.

"I am encouraged by recent communications from Mr Valdus acknowledging the



**FAMILY LINK:** Lori Oschefski, from Ontario, and right, her ancestor 12year-old Eric Cheeseman, who died in the tragedy



importance of this event in the history of the Gillingham community," she said.

"However, it is still not 100 per cent and there is still a chance for this not to happen,

especially with budget cuts.
"While this acknowledgement is a step in the right direction, it is my understanding that at the end of the day his recommendation is still subject to budget approval.

"At this crucial point it is still extremely important to continue our growing campaign. Councillors will eventually have to vote to agree on the financing for a memorial so I implore everyone who has an interest to contact their local representative and ask for their support.'

## Police recruits turned away as budget cuts hit training

KENT Police has been forced to cancel training placements for 200 recruits in a bid to help tackle its £23 million deficit.

Senior officers at the force were apologetic,

but said the move was vital.

A total of 196 hopefuls heard their placements are void, a month after the force said it would have to save £23m over three years.
Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas

said: "We see no prospect of employing those on the waiting list in the next two years.

"We can understand the disappointment of those who have already passed the selection process, but in the last year we have seen a significant fall in the number of vacancies.

Between April 1, 2009, and March 31, 2010, some 127 recruits joined Kent Police as officers, and since April 1, 2010, 41 recruits have been taken on.

ACC Thomas said:"The aim of this is to improve the service to the public and to free more officers to work on the frontline. This process may lead to savings that can be rein-

Chairman of Kent Police Federation, Ian Pointon, told KOS Media the recruits would be "hugely disappointed" but the force had to

make this difficult decision.

The new Chief Constable, Ian Learmonth, told KOS Media at the beginning of July that senior ranks may be slashed from the Kent Police hierarchy in a bid to save money.

There are currently 24 superintendents in Kent earning between £60,750 and £74,022

per year, and 14 chief superintendents on between £72,543 and £76,680. The lowest ranked PC earns less than £23,000 per year.

The force had already saved £5m through its collaboration with Essex Police, which includes the shared use of a helicopter and the launch of the new Serious Crime Directorate.

Ann Barnes, Chair of Kent Police Authority, said: "I feel really sorry for the applicants. I appreciate how disappointed and let down everyone must feel. However, there really was no other option."



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Entry to the event and activities will be FREE but numbers will be limited for the bat walk and will need to be booked in advance. Please book early to avoid disappointment either by ringing the number above or emailing us at info@kmbrc.org.uk



## Call to increase minority groups in Parliament

PARLIAMENT needs to be more representative of the people it serves, says an Asian community leader taking part in an MP shadowing scheme.

Northfleet resident Gurvinder Sandher director of the Kent Equality Cohesion Council - says the House of Commons should be home to more female and disabled members as well as those from black and ethnic minority (BME) backgrounds.

The bhangra dance club organiser was one of 31 applicants chosen from a group of more than 150 to take part in the scheme, organised by Operation Black Vote (OBV) in partnership with the Communities and Local Government department.

He has been paired up with newly-elected Conservative MP Andrew Stephenson, who represents the Pendle constituency in Lancashire.

Mr Sandher said: "There are fewer than 30 black and Asian MPs at the moment, but the House of Commons also needs more women

#### BY **STEVE KNIGHT**

and disabled people to be truly representative.

"I was born and bred in this country, but growing up there were no Asian MPs for me to look up to, and I think it's important that children have role models.

"It also helps to have members of the BME community in Parliament because they can provide a different perspective on certain sub-

jects that may affect the people they represent."

Kent is currently home to two MPs from an ethnic minority background: Maidstone and The Weald representative Helen Grant and Gillingham and Rainham member Rehman

Mr Chishti was born in Pakistan, while Mrs Grant, who took part in a previous shadowing scheme and is the Conservative's first black

female MP, is of part-Nigerian descent.

Launching the scheme last week,
Parliamentary Under Secretary Andrew
Stunell admitted the House of Commons was still "disproportionately white"

He added: "This Government wants a fair



SHADOW: Dance club organiser Gurvinder Sandher

society where race and ethnicity are no barrier. This scheme will provide 31 ambitious, ethically-diverse people with invaluable experience to help them make Parliament and local councils more truly reflect our communities.

Last January more than 50 people - including Merlene Carrington from Medway – celebrated their appointments as magistrates under a similar scheme created by OBV and the Ministry of Justice.

#### **Higher train fares** set to continue

COMMUTERS hoping for a break from high ticket fares could miss out as Government reviews its pricing system in the light of the budget deficit.

For train passengers in Kent - who already pay some of the highest fares in

reprieve may not happen soon.

With the Department for Transport looking to reduce Government rail subsidies, proposals are to allow train operators to charge more for season and saver tickets through changes to the pricing formula.

Tunde Olatunji, Kent manager for independent watchdog Passenger Focus, said if the review results in the formula being increased, passengers could have

to pay high increases each year.
Rail firm Southeastern is currently in a four-year franchise agreement with Government which allows the company to increase fares by as much as three per cent above the retail price index (RPI), currently 5.3 per cent. For train firms in the rest of the country, the formula for raising fares is RPI plus one per cent.

The pricing regulations allow Southeastern flexibility to increase some fares by up to five per cent, as long as the overall average across the area does not go above RPI plus three per cent.

But with the franchise agreement due to run out in 2012, the pricing formula for Kent had been set to drop to the same

levels as the rest of the country.

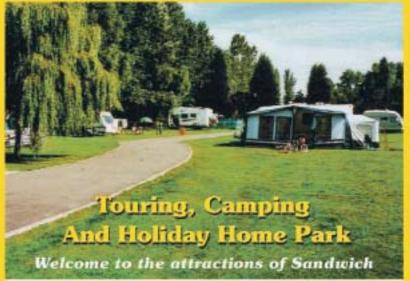
Plans submitted to the Treasury, however, suggest giving train operators flexibility to charge more with a new formula of inflation plus five per cent.

A spokesman at Southeastern said no decisions had been made and the company was yet to see Government proposals.















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## **QUESTION** & ANSWER VIRGINIA



#### How did you first become a midwife?

I married quite young, had four babies of A I married quite young, had four babies of my own and loved everything about preg-nancy, birth and motherhood and was sad to leave it all behind once my own family was complete so thought midwifery was a way to stay involved. At 32 I went back to full-time study at university and arrived at my dream job six years later.

#### Why did you set up an independent midwifery service what are the advantages compared to the NHS?

I believe in the NHS and if I could work the way I do now I would never have left, but midwifery is more to me than just a job, it is a commitment to an individual woman.

After working locally in two different trusts for two years as a new midwife, I soon realised I would not be able to stay in such a large organisation. I wanted to be one-to-one with women, to get to know them and their families. Evidence shows that one continuous mid-wife throughout pregnancy and birth improves all outcomes.

I was often so busy in the NHS that I did not have the time to really be the midwife I wanted to be or give the personal care that takes time. Now I have one woman at a time to give attention to and she knows I am a phone call away, 24/7. Women want to know the midwife who will care for them during their birth and know that she will not be going home halfway through their labour.

#### Would you say it is better for children to be born at home rather than a hospital?

Absolutely. There are still those who believe hospital is the safest place but just because you believe something does not make it fact. Birth is a very safe and normal process, not an illness, and we have the evidence that for most women, home is the safest and best place of all to be.

You rarely hear women telling horror stories about their home births, although unfortunately when they do, it hits the news because it is so rare.

All babies used to be born at home, then, with no evidence to back up the information, the public were led to believe hospitals were safer and a whole culture was changed. We are now trying to change it back and increase the homebirth rate but it takes time.

Women and babies are more likely to end up with problems if the birth is treated as a med-

#### Do you think doctors too easily resort to Caesarean births?

In some cases yes, but it is because they view childbirth as a potential problem rather than a normal life event.

They see the worst-case scenario and act on it, whereas midwives presume normal till proven otherwise. The more often something happens the easier it becomes and the more normal it seems, but Caesarean births are not normal and should be reserved for life-saving.

#### Can you tell us about some of the most unusual births you have been involved with?

I travelled to Turkey last year to help a woman have a waterbirth and the press hounded us as it was so rare. I have helped women having twins and breech babies, vaginal births following Caesareans, but the vast majority are just normal woman wanting normal births.

The best home birth of my career, however, was just last week, when I helped my first grandchild to be born at home into his daddy's hands. It was an amazing family occasion and an hour after he was born we were all having a celebratory breakfast.

#### What would you say is the most rewarding part of your job?

When I leave the house following a home birth, mum, dad and baby are all tucked up happily and have not been separated. After all these years I still want to run up to the postman and say "I helped that happen."

#### What role do you think fathers have when it comes to childbirth? Do you think he has to be present?

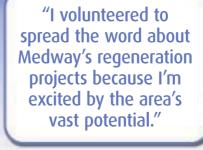
What is right for one woman and her partner may not be right for another.

Some dads want to be fully hands-on and my role is to facilitate that. Some dads need to be down the pub and my job is to support them in that decision. I think couples are too pressured to conform to what society thinks.

The partner in Kent Midwifery Practice explains to Ed Hill why she chose to work independently, why she believes there should be more home births and satisfaction that she gets from her role







#### Keith Tibbles, Medway Regeneration Ambassador

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## Cavalier needs your vote

#### BY NICK AMES

VETERAN of the seas HMS Cavalier is a finalist in the Best Education Project category in The National Lottery Awards 2010 and now needs votes to help win.

The awards are the annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects, and HMS Cavalier has to beat two other finalists to win the title of the UK's Best Education Project.

One is a project for youth housing and the other involves teaching children with disabilities about riding and care of horses

All the projects have already received Lottery funding and the awards celebrate how they

have put that money to good use.

HMS Cavalier was the Royal Navy's last operational World War II destroyer and until 1999, was rotting in a dry dock on Tyneside.

The ship was acquired for preservation and display at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham as the National Destroyer Memorial dedicated to the 143 British destroyers and 11,000 sailors lost at sea during the Second World War.

Now restored, the ship is a major heritage attraction and the focus of a range of educational programmes aimed at engaging children and young people of all ages, with a strong focus on working with under-achieving students.

Alec Cheyney, ships volunteer at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have made it to the final of The National Lottery Awards and want to thank everyone who has supported us so far. Lottery funding has made a real difference to our proj-





**CEREMONY:** Actress Fay Ripley is backing the National Lottery Awards, for which HMS Cavalier is a finalist

ect, helping us to preserve this amazing ship.

"It is touching to think that this incredible ship – a memorial to the men who perished on destroyers – now has a vital new role in the education of young people. We really hope the public gets behind us and votes for HMS Cavalier to win so that our staff and volunteers receive the recognition they deserve.

This year's National Lottery Awards are supported by Cold Feet actress Fay Ripley.

She said: "Each year The National Lottery Awards recognise the impact that Lottery-

funded projects have on people and communities across the UK. Lottery players raise £25 million every week to support projects like HMS Cavalier

"Please take the time to show your support every vote really does make a difference."

Public voting started on Monday (July 26)

and runs through until Friday August 13 when the lines close at midday

Voters need to call 0844 686 1038 to take part or go to the website at www.lotterygoodcaus es.org.uk/awards.

#### Miliband brings his campaign to Kent

LABOUR leadership candidate Ed Miliband has vowed to put red back on the Kent political map after the Tories' clean sweep at the general election.

He was visiting the county in a bid to reconnect with disillusioned voters and

win vital support for his leadership bid.

Mr Miliband said he believed there was still a chance to restore public confidence in Labour.

Speaking to KOS Media after his visit, the MP for Doncaster North echoed Gordon Brown's words that Kent is key in taking on the coalition government.

Mr Miliband was in Medway to help canvass for the Medway Council by-election on August 12 for Labour candidate

#### Six candidates in by-election line-up

SIX would-be councillors will battle it out in the upcoming by-election in River ward on Thursday, August 12.

The main political parties are all represented, along with the BNP and The English Democrats.

Former River Ward councillor Bill

Esterson gave up his position after being elected as MP for Sefton Central, Merseyside.

The nominees are: David George Craggs (Cons), Garry Harrison (Lib Dem), John Alun Charles Jones (Lab), Steven Richard Keevil (Green), Brian Christian Ravenscroft (BNP) and Ron Sands (English Democrats).

River Ward has two councillors. The other is Conservative Craig Mackinlay.



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## Hornets a big threat to honey

#### BY **MARIJKE COX**

KILLER hornets from across the Channel could be driving honey bees from their hives.

The giant insects - around four times the size of the British bee - are believed to be travelling from France and forcing the honey bee from its home.

In scenes more likely to be seen in a horror film, the hornets hover in front of a hive, picking off their victims before ripping off the heads, wings and legs and feeding the body to their young.

The rest of the colony is then weakened,

leaving the hornets free to loot the hive.

Although bee-lovers warned of their potential arrival to the UK just months ago, wildlife expert Kerry King, from Hythe, believes they

may have already arrived.
"There's a hive in Sandling Park which has had honey bees for ten years, but in February



**PREDATOR:** Hornets from France could damage honey bees

they suddenly left," he said. "Pesticides aren't used there so it couldn't be that, and the bees disappeared so suddenly.

"It wouldn't be hard for these hornets to come over from France. If there is a change in wind direction they could be swept across - it's only 21 miles. They could even come across on



**HANDFUL:** The foreign hornets have a three-inch wingspan

the ferries." This new predator, which is two inches long with a three-inch wingspan, is the Asian hornet, or vespa velutina nigrithorax, first seen in France in 2004.

The species is thought to have arrived in Bordeaux from China in a consignment of pottery designed for horticultural trade.

In 2007, apiaries in France began to see up to 70 per cent losses in bee colonies and it was soon discovered the monster insects, in groups of up to 50, had been on a killing spree.

One hornet can kill up to 40 honey bees in a minute - a group of them up to 30,000 in a few

Mr King said: "There are three things going against honey bees; pesticides, parasites and these hornets. It's going to have a detrimental effect on our economy if there are no honey

bees to carry out pollination."

A third of foodstuffs are dependant on pollination by honey bees, which also provide more than 50 per cent of the pollination of wild plants that other wildlife depends on.

While Asian bees have evolved to cope with the attacks, where some 500 bees will mob the hornet causing it to overheat, the European honey bee is unlikely to survive.

Three months ago experts from honey health specialist Vita said the hornet threat to bees was spreading rapidly through France and would soon be in the UK.

#### Crossing review to consider toll booth changes

TOLL booths could be removed from the Dartford crossing in an effort to tackle con-

Dartford MP Gareth Johnson said he had raised the matter with Transport Secretary

Phillip Hammond.
Mr Johnson said: "Ministers have accepted that current levels of congestion at the crossing cannot be allowed to continue. There was an acceptance that there has to be change.

"The ministry is carrying out a review of the logistics involved in removing the toll booths and the congestion and pollution they

"While this review is being carried out the ministry will also look at the possibility of allowing tolls to be suspended when severe tailbacks build up.

"It clearly makes sense for the tolls to be suspended to allow tailbacks to clear."

#### **Boris Island drifts** further off course

AN AIRPORT in the Thames Estuary will not be considered by the coalition Government, according to aviation minister Theresa Villiers.

Conservative London Mayor Boris Johnson believes his £40 billion Boris

Island' idea could become a reality within ten years but the plans have been controversial from the start.

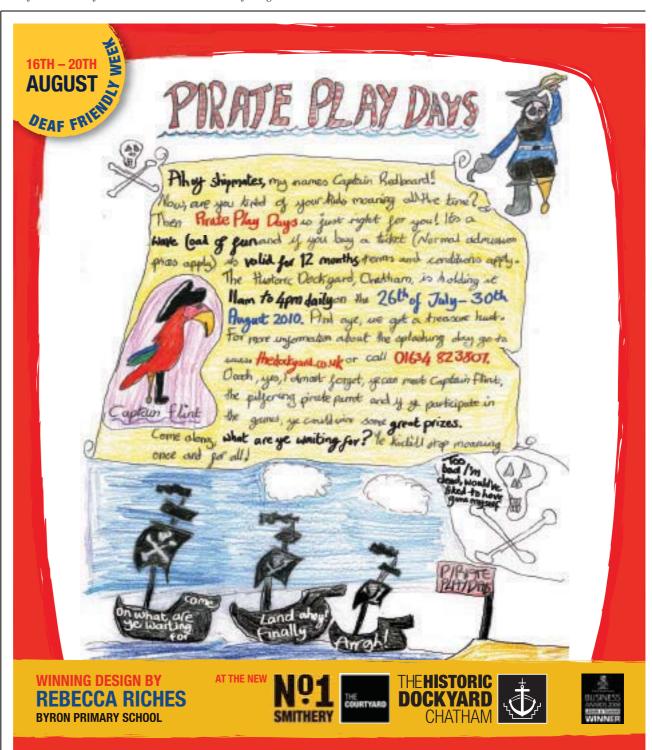
Now his own party has distanced itself from the proposals, which Mr Johnson put forward as an alternative to a third runway at Heathrow.



Responding to a FLIGHTY: London Mayor's parliamentary Boris Island airport idea 'not

Gillingham and an option being considered Rainham MP Rehman Chishti (Con), Mrs Villiers confirmed it was not an option the Government was considering.

She added: "Our priority is to make efficient use of existing airport infrastructure in the South East.'



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#### **BREAK TIME**



#### **Scrutiny reveals a** good school report

DELCE Junior School in Rochester received a boost in time for the summer break following a glowing Ofsted report.

During a recent inspection the overall standard was found to be 'good.'

Children at the school in The Tideway have benefited from improved teaching and a curriculum that provides a good range of activities to broaden their experience and skills. The school provides a good variety of activities around themes that pupils find interesting and exciting. New head teacher Karen White, who

joined the school in June 2009 was also praised for her role in the improvement of the school, particularly her attempts in promoting pupil's enjoyment in the devel-

oping curriculum.

She said: "We are now moving on to become an outstanding junior school for Medway's children and their families."



## **Students draw attention to** their artistic achievements

UNIVERSITY for the THECreative Arts, Rochester has picked up the Best Stand Award at this month's New Designers competition.

The event, held at the Business Design Centre in London, is a showcase for the best in graduate design from universities around the country

Having held off the challenge of 400 other exhibitors, the university picked up the top

#### BY **DAN COLUMBINI**

prize for its BA (Hons) CG Arts and animation display on the July 8.

The judges described the winning piece as a "simple, quirky stand which brought to life the connection between the original sketches and computer generated imagery.'

Phil Gorman, a senior lecturer at UCA, said: "We are delighted to win this award. Our stand was an attempt to move the pre-production drawings, concept art and storyboards to

the foreground to show that our students are all immensely talented artists.

"We also wanted to change conceptions about the role of the computer, which many people believe is responsible for the amazing images on the screen. In truth, the computer is 'stupid' and is actually only as 'clever' as the individual piloting it.

The annual event is linked to a number of leading companies and organisations that recognise the value of design education and its contribution to the UK's thriving and commercially valuable creative industries

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LETHAL WEAPON: The British flame-thrower in action in trials. The prototype and three similar weapons were never deployed during the war as the original was accidentally destroyed by German shellfire before the Battle of the Somme

## Deadly Somme weapon located

EVIDENCE of a long-forgotten British secret weapon aimed at shortening the war in the trenches is coming to light along the Somme Valley in northern France - the scene of unimaginable slaughter in 1916.

Parts of a giant flame-thrower, which would have engulfed the German front line in a blistering inferno, have been unearthed by archaeologists who now believe they can pinpoint the exact location of the massive weapon – still buried under tonnes of earth.

It was destroyed by German shellfire – purely coincidentally – before it could ever be used - and three similar weapons were never deployed in action.

Royal Engineers, based at Chatham, designed the device which could hurl 1,000 gallons of burning oil at the enemy.

But it needed more than 300 men to manoeuvre it into position along the British lines. And it was while this was being done that German shells hit the working parties.

Troops ran for cover, abandoning the flame-thrower, which was buried as the ground erupted amid the carnage of exploding shells.

French historian Frederick Hadley, curator of a museum specialising in the Battle of the Somme in the town of Peronne, said parts of the "First World War: Shock and Awe" weapon had come to light recently.

"The flame-thrower had been known about via military records but no physical evidence had ever emerged as to its location," he said. "It was supposed to go into action on July 1,

1916 - the opening day of the Battle of the Somme, near the village of Mametz - but shellfire dropped on the troops bringing it

"There had been many reports of the inci-

#### BY NICK AMES

dent but no artefacts recovered until now.

"Excavations of top soil have recovered the valves which would have regulated the flow of oil to be ignited - but the main hose has never been found.

"However, archaeologists think they know where it is and are seeking help in the form of finance and the necessary earth-movers to

bring it to light.

"There are also tanks which would have held the fuel to be burnt – they are still under the ground somewhere as well."

The secret weapon was developed by the Royal Engineers and the man at the front charged with its deployment was Major William Livens, who had also supervised the installation of gas projectiles.

It took the form of a massive hose linked to giant fuel tanks with accompanying regula-

tory valves to control the flow of liquid.

This was intended to run through an underground trench snaking out from the British lines into no-man's-land.

The fuel would have been ignited as it left the nozzle of the hose and projected towards the German lines – around 100 yards away. M Hadley said: "If it had ever have been

used it would have literally resulted in a wall of fire descending on the German trenches. The result would most likely have been utter

The flames would also have resulted in oxygen being sucked into the fire suffocating German soldiers who had taken cover in underground bunkers and previously secure

But because of its unwieldiness, the number of men needed to operate it and the destruction of the prototype, the three similar weapons being produced were never

## Police at your beck and call

WHEN staff at the Kent Police Force Contact and Control Centre pick up the phone they have no idea who's on the other end.

The caller could be phoning to report a major incident, a crime in progress or perhaps a motorway crash.

But whatever it is about, the listening

skills and calm approach of the call-handlers ensure the person is given the help they need and in some cases the advice given over the phone could help save someone's life.

For staff at the centre, their work is unpredictable and sometimes challenging - but it is always very worthwhile.

Kent Police receives an average of 700-800 emergency calls a day - which are all dealt with at its Force Contact and Control Centre.

Alongside emergencies, the centre takes a further 1,000-1,200 non-emergency calls a day, ranging from people seeking advice on legislation to those phoning in with information to assist the police.

The Force Contact and Control Centre is based in Maidstone and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The centre is divided into sections to reflect

policing areas: South Kent, East Kent, Mid Kent. Kent. West North Kent and Medway.

C h i e Inspector centre

of ON CALL: The busy Operations at police control centre Nicola Faulconbridge, said: "We're always

busy, but the peak times are 8am to 10am and from 4pm to midnight and we always receive more calls during school holidays.

"We don't get a lot of nuisance or hoax 999 calls, but when we do these callers could be putting other people's lives at risk

Ch Insp Faulconbridge said: "All calls are valuable, as the callers are possibly witnesses to what happened."

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#### **YOUR LETTERS**

#### **Councillor's tough** tale hard to swallow

Oh dear Cllr Alan Collins, (Yourmedway, July 7) your article about justifying the expenses of our councillors made it sound as if councillors are hard done by.

Being a retired council worker of 25 years, and also a shop steward of 10 years, struggling to get a living wage at the lower end of the spectrum of local government, I find it hard to be sympathetic towards this so-called hard done by group.

I believe some are genuine in their intended purpose to represent the constituency, but sadly more so, I believe, are intent on their party's wishes and their bank balance.

You stated "most would not get out of bed for less". I cannot believe that you do not realise that many on the so-called 'minimum wage do so every day for possibly this amount of money and do a full week's work which most would not want to do as you mentioned (including yourself it seems).

I can only assume you are paid reasonably well not to realise this position.

I had worked voluntary for many years for different groups and into my retirement until recently.

I am 83 and have rarely asked for 'expenses' in all that time, even though I could, but that's what it is all about - 'voluntary' means exactly what it says.

You forgot to mention these councillors can benefit from the council pension scheme the present government calls 'gold plated'

In days past councillors offered their services on a voluntary basis. to improve the being of the constituency, not their bank balance.

It was, of course, unfair that only the well-off could do so, so the man in the street was given a chance also by allowing expenses, but sadly this is now being abused.

All I can say is wake up Medway tax pavers before it is too late, and demand a change to this moneyspinning con.

Here's a good chance to save money; just pay councillors their basic travel cost, a vast saving there. Then you will see who is a true volunteer for sure

Len Knight, Rainham



#### Castle proves a rock stage for all ages

Can I just put on record my appreciation of this year's Castle Concerts. Brilliant event and Staus Quo were magnificient.

Jon Howarth, by email

## yourblogger

Gary Wright asks if it will make any difference should public-sector employees strike over cuts

I WASN'T shocked to learn that union activists at local councils are threatening strike action to show their anger as the cuts in public spending become clear.

After years of retiring at 60 and being assured of a job for life, all at the ratepayers' expense (yes, I know it's 'council-taxpayers', but we all understand 'ratepayers'), suddenly our council chums have to account for how they are spending our cash.

So, batten down the hatches and prepare for them to demonstrate their outrage outside your town hall next year. But what are they protesting about exactly?

Well, in a nutshell they're a bit cross that those people who have worked in the private sector all their lives will no longer be relied upon to fork out - getting on for a couple of grand a month - for the privilege of having their bins emptied every couple of weeks.

Planning applications have fallen dramatically since the credit squeeze, so I expect borough and district planning departments to be shedding jobs by the dozen. No point striking - that's not going to make more people build extensions.

Finance departments might think they're pretty safe as careful management of what little cash they have will be a vital skill. Remember how KCC managed to 'invest' £50 million of our money in an Icelandic bank.

Then they lost in the crash because someone was on holiday and missed a warning email... or something.

I reckon any one of the charity treasurers in Kent could do a better job. They are people who know how to make a little go a long way.

And visits abroad. We have a bit of a record of that in Kent, for sending large parties abroad at rate payers' expense on 'fact-finding' or 'friendship' visits. From now on, if someone wants to be our friend, let them come and see us. And they can pay for their hotel, too.

Then pensions. It must be pretty galling to have worked your way up in the public sector for 35 hours every week (less holidays and your eight days sick a year - oh, and public holidays). From section minion to section leader and then maybe even the head honcho, you were secure in the knowledge you'd retire at 60.

You've been pretty smug that for 20-odd years after that there'd be a monthly cash windfall pretty close to

what you were earning.

Now you can't just rely on Johnny Ratepayer to stump up enough cash to pay for his bins to be emp-tied so that you and your fellow cottonheads can have free money. Outrageous though that might be, perhaps you understand how your bin-emptying former colleagues felt almost 20 years ago when they had to go and work for private sub-contractors.

Strike all you like, but we are all staring down the barrel of tough times. Remember that unless your strikes affect bin collections, most people probably won't notice, and if you do withhold your labour, in protest, then we have the right to withhold our council-tax payment.

But be assured the outcome will be the same.

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Rochester Castle... surely Parfitt and Rossi can not have played anywhere quite so cool

Gill Sandstrom, by email

Will Young at Rochester Castle was excellent. Congratualtions to the organisers.

Zee, by email

Status Quo, great concert, organisers all very well done, try and keep off the rain next year, eh?

Trudie Edmonson, by email

#### **Convicted officer is a** sign of policing times

I was shocked to read your front page story last week about the conduct of a woman police inspector after she was convicted of drinking

and driving.

I can't help but think people like this do nothing for the police and just go further towards ensuring our faith in the force continues to fall.

I can't decide whether the fact our police spent thousands of pounds hunting a friend who this female officer clearly invented as part of her scam is a good or a bad thing. The fact she would know how

to waste police time may mean her colleagues were not trying to prove her innocence, but merely ensuring this bad apple was caught.

However, I do believe it is indicative of a wider malaise in the officers of law and order.

The ridiculous way Kent Police

handled the Kingsnorth Power Station protest has been well documented and I hope the lessons have been learned.

But news that the officer would not face charges after the sad death of Ian Tomlinson last year in the G20 riots in London is another step toward the indication that the police believe they are above the law.

I'm not sure that mentality is new, I just think these days they are even more blatant because they know that generally there are fewer chances they'll get seen by the Press in court,

To conclude: Kent has a new Chief Constable Ian Learmonth who will replace the "everything's all right if we keep telling people it's all right" Mike Fuller.

I do hope this new broom will go some way toward restoring faith in our county police force,

Name and address witheld

#### Finally some sense over stop-and-search

Well done new MP Tracey Crouch who looked for absolute clairity over heavy-handed policing methods over people taking photographs in a public place.

I have many friends who are photographers, many of them working for newspapers, and the way police deal with this issue is ridiculous.

The anti-terrorism excuse fails. Any terrorist would arrange to get pictures taken clandestinely on their mobile phone or from a car or

one of a million other ways if that was their purpose. Better still, they could use the excellent Google Earth with its street level pictures.

This new government has promised to review the stop-andsearch powers police have over photographers.

I am sure most right-minded people will welcome this at last. Just sad that the police need a government directive to achieve the bleedin' obvious

Arthur Pinter, by email

#### Single parents aren't that badly off really

'Millions owed to our single parents' said your story last week on page 3, which then went on to say how important child maintenance is to separated parents and how the Medway towns are some of the worst areas in Britain at getting "non-residentail mums and dad" (you really meant dads) to pay up.

Well judging by the number of obviously single mums I see around Chatham every day I am not surprised there's a bit of a problem – but two things come to mind.

Firstly the CSA, or whatever it is now called, does a blindingly good job of nabbing dads who are in full-time decent employment.

Well done that agency, though it's not much of an achievement.

What it is absolutely rubbish at is tracing absent dads, those who move around, don't have regular work... well, exactly the sort of

man vou as a voung mum probably shouldn't have chosen to father your child if you wanted a stable

And secondly, am I alone in being sick to death of single parents whinging about the poor state of maintenance payments and their lot generally. With one or two exceptions, you do okay, considering all you really did was got pregnant.

Put any bitterness about a failed relationship to one side and get on with making the best life you can for you and your offspring... and don't expect the rest of the world to

And Gingerbread, the charity that compiled this league table – get real.

Charles Hinksville, Medway

#### Reckless behaviour gives us a bad name

No doubt Mark Reckless is already feeling only too aware of being in the public eye, but his recent escapade in Parliament by drinking too much alcohol to be able to vote, not only damages his reputation, but that of people living in the area

After all, people will now consider his personal conduct rather than just the positions he adopts on our behalf.

I'm sure MPs need a break from time to time, even in the working week, but there is a real difference between convivial activity and overindulgence.

Let's hope Mr Reckless learns the difference quickly so he can show he understands what is meant by personal responsibility.

John Jones, Labour candidate for the River Ward by-election

#### Hidden agenda led to late-night session

Although the criticisms of Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless are valid up to a point, and he deserves to take some knocks for what happened two weeks ago, it is important to realise what happened to him and dozens of other MPs on that night was just a symptom of a more serious issue.

Like a competent doctor, we should concentrate more on the cause of the late-night sitting, and the sheer public cost of it, than any one symptom.

After all, it is the influenza that is

an actual disease, not the sneezing. The reason for the nocturnal sitting was deliberate filibusting by Labour MPs, as was admitted to (and reported by) Paul Waugh of the London Evening Standard, and done again a week later at the Finance Bill's Committee Stage.

All of this was purely party political, and as usual for Labour had nothing to do with serving the country – indeed quite the opposite.

I feel this is a far more important story than the Reckless one.

By all means have a go at our MP, but only if you are also prepared to tackle the substantive issue that impacts all of us and our nation's hopes for recovery.

John Ward, former councillor for Rochester South & Horsted ward.

#### Kiwi-growers enjoy fruits of labours

EXPERIMENTS are underway in a secret location in the county to see if kiwi fruit can be grown in Kent.

A major company, with a base in Canterbury, is working to harness recent climate change to commercially grow the popular fruit and tap into the annual

market, worth £20 million in the UK.

Now technicians at Worldwide Fruits have started tests at a secret east Kent location to see if the fruit can be produced in sufficient quantities here to make it commercially viable within two years.

Technicians are using a hectare's worth of vines brought in from Italy and Greece in May, which are burgeoning at a substantial rate thanks to the expertise of New Zealand kiwi fruit-growers.

Worldwide Fruit technical director Tony Harding said: "The result has been 1,200 vines are now safely in the ground.

"The varieties planted to date have been green Hayward types. There are plans to plant in 2011 yellow-flesh kiwis and introduce some of the latest discoveries, which are red-fleshed.'

Fruit development t e c h n o l o g i s t Caroline Ashdown said: "It's a new experience for us but we're confident it will be successful in some degree as we understand the vines' physiology.'



Kiwi vines grow so EXPERT: Technologist

fast that they are Caroline Ashdown being trailed on wires strung across concrete supports. Harvesting is expected to take place in

## Figures show horror of youngsters' rail crimes

BY MARIJKE COX

TRAIN-surfing, jumping on tracks and playing 'chicken' with 100-tonne trains are just some of the shocking games played by young people on railways every week in Kent.

And if they're not playing on the railway line, they're throwing things on it, with objects as strange as a kitchen sink being found on tracks.

The Network Rail findings showed 240 rail crimes were carried out in the past year, but the true figure is still believed to be much higher.

Dave Ward, the company's route director in Kent, said the figures are down from last year, but too many people are still risking their lives. "Trains can't swerve and can take the length

of 20 football pitches to stop," he said.
"Contact with electricity power lines and tracks can result in horrific injuries, burns or

even death." Crimes can involve distracting train drivers, with laser pens being shone in their eyes and

bricks and fireworks being hurled at trains. Young people have also been caught 'train surfing, where they grip onto the outside of a moving train, or playing 'chicken', where they jump out of the way just before it hits them.

Bikes, gas cylinders, scaffolding, a pram and





**DANGEROUS:** A youth is caught on a wire above a live track; the potentially lethal damage caused by throwing stones

traffic lights have all been thrown onto tracks

in Kent, causing costly damage and delays.
As the summer holidays begin, Network Rail is asking young people not to put themselves at risk by playing near the tracks.

The company's No Messin' campaign, fronted

by boxer Amir Khan, works with community groups to warn youngsters about the dangers.

Khan is encouraging young people to take up positive activities. "They need to know that playing chicken or throwing stones at trains won't get you respect or win you friends," he said.

The shocking figures showed 63 incidents of objects being thrown at trains; 92 reports of trespass; and 15 incidents of graffiti.

Insp Ed Walton from the British Transport Police said: "Every year we see people risking their lives either by careless action, such as taking a shortcut across tracks or by playing on or near the line." he said.

"Anyone who messes around near the tracks is not only risking a court appearance, they are putting their lives at risk."

∑Ben Lavender, 17, was killed in April 2009 at Westgate-on-Sea station when he fell on a live line as he crossed the tracks.

∑Jade Kenyon, 17, from Snodland, died in 2006 after touching a live rail as she walked along the tracks after missing a train at Cuxton station near Rochester.

























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Thursday, April 26 Brands Hatch, Longfield.

FOOTBALL fans can look forward to a thrilling day of motorsport when Brands Hatch hosts the Superleague Formula.

Two of the country's favourite sports combine when the event comes to the track for the first time this weekend. Launched in 2008, the single-seater series features identical 750bhp V12-powered cars, each car is adorned with the colours of a major football club.

From Tottenham Hotspur to AC Milan, some of the world's most famous football clubs have been represented on the track by top racing

Big names that have driven for their favourite clubs in the Superleague Formula include Giorgio Pantano, Robert Doornbos, Antonio Pizzonia and Enrique Bernoldi. Former Toro Rosso Formula One driver, Sebastien Bourdais raced for Sevilla last year.

The event has now expanded from six-round seasons to 12 and three races will be held at Brands Hatch. The action starts with a knockout-style shoot-out, with the quickest car landing pole position in Sunday's first race.

The next stage sees the fastest cars facing an extra challenge on the reverse grid, with each race lasting about 45 minutes. Once the points for the first two races have been combined, the top six teams compete in the five-lap Super Final shoot-out for cash prizes.

"The Superleague cars are even more powerful than the A1GP cars and with their V12engines, they sound absolutely amazing," said Jonathan Palmer, chief executive of Motorsport Vision.

"They are impressively big cars too, so with the reverse grids, it will be a fabulous spectacle for fans of motorsport and football alike."

The motorsport action continues the following week with the MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship. Spectators at Brands Hatch can look forward to the distinctive sound of MotoGP machinery reverberating through the air, as top riders take part in this motorsport spectacle.

With top speeds of more than 200mph, the Rizla Suzuki MotoGP GSV-R800 four-stroke motorcycles will be the fastest bikes on the track. The audience can see these remarkable machines in action when Spanish rider and

former 125cc World Champion, Álvaro Bautista gives high-speed demonstration laps to mark 50 years of international racing by Suzuki.

World Superbike star Tom Sykes will be stepping up his battle for the title, riding the factory WAB Kawasaki in this eighth round of the MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship.

"I'm really excited to have this opportunity to race in front of the British fans at the biggest BSB round of the season at Brands Hatch, which still has to be one of my favourite race tracks in the world," Sykes said.

"The Paul Bird Motorsport Kawasaki team put in a great performance last year with three podium finishes and I am now looking forward to going head-to-head with the best of BSB. It has been a fantastic year for me and I am sure we will give the BSB regulars a good battle for those wins."

The Superleague Formula takes place this weekend and tickets are priced from £24 for

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The bar, restaurant and conservatory are all candlelit at night, giving the place a dreamlike quality ideal for that very special meal with the most important person in your life.

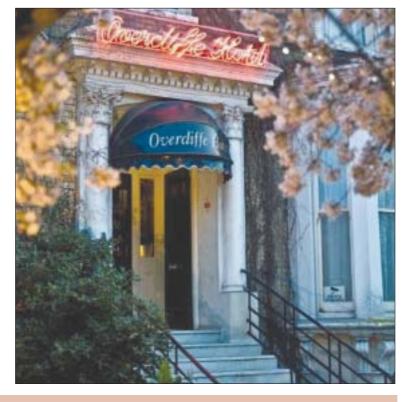
This whole truly relaxing experience can be added to as diners sit back with a perfectly--chilled glass of Champagne or an expertly-mixed cocktail in the conservatory, while choosing from the menu and wine list. Drinks can also be served in the attractive garden.

Over the years, those who have enjoyed the atmosphere include former prime minster Tony Blair and comedians such as Bernard Manning, Freddie Starr and Gerry and the Pacemakers.

The restaurant is open to non-residents for dinner each evening, but to make the experience complete why not book a room and stay over.

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understand the hard work, struggle and sacrifices involved. Who will be able to go the distance and stand on the big

With a story that follows their off-stage lives and relationships as well, Fame features a wide variety of dance, from ballet to hip hop, and songs that will leave audiences feeling uplifted long after they leave the theatre.

Tickets are priced from £11 to £17. Book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or call 01322 220000.



## Music, Music, Music. He appeared in a touring concert which celebrated the work of Andrew Lloyd Webber, and was also asked to sing at the composer's 60th birthday concert in London's Hyde Park. The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £20. To book visit www.pizzaexpresslive.co.uk.

#### **DANIEL BOYS**

Saturday, August 7, Pizza Express, Maidstone

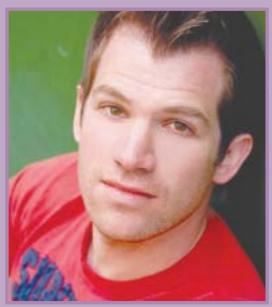
WEST End star Daniel Boys performs songs from his debut album at the Pizza Express Music Room next week.

The award-winning performer visits Maidstone for the first time to sing tracks from So Close, which have been reworked for the intimate setting of the Music Room.

Along with his career in musicals and the puppet show Avenue Q, Boys has also appeared in many concerts and on recordings.

Boys stepped into the national spotlight when he appeared on the BBC talent search show, Any Dream Will Do three years ago. After his impressive performance as a potential Joseph, Boys' star continued to rise and he has since performed alongside greats such as Bryn Terfel and Maria Friedman.

He has also toured with John Barrowman and sang a duet with the Torchwood star on his album,



#### **ICK'R'US INC**

Wednesday, July 28, RSPB Northward Hill, near Hoo

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Previously hidden behind a veil of respectability, the residents' pain, rivalries, grievances and hopes are laid bare. But when swotty Sandra finally pays attention to what is going on, she falls in love with Icarus, only to realise that his own dreams about the sun could have terrifying consequences.

The gates open for picnics at 6pm and the performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £11/£10, group discount available. To book call 01323 501260 or visit www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk.



#### THE TEMPEST AT LEEDS CASTLE



Friday, July 30, and Saturday, July 31 Leeds Castle, near Maidstone

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Many years before the story opens, Prospero, the Duke of Milan, is usurped by his brother and sent away to a desert island with his young daughter Miranda. When Prospero discovers a spirit trapped in a tree, he frees her and earns her

Over the years that follow, he develops his sorcery skills and one day raises a wild tempest that drives his brother Antonio and his entourage on to the shores of the island.

Performances start at 7pm both days with a 1pm matinee on Friday. Tickets cost £15/£12 or £10 for the matinee. To book call 01622 880008 or visit www.leeds-castle.com/events.

#### **HOP FARM SUMMER FUN**

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Fridays are devoted to the farmyard, while Sporty Saturdays will get visitors active and Circus Sundays provide plenty of big top entertainment.

The themed days can be enjoyed along-side the Hop Farm's resident attractions, including the new Enchanted Kingdom.

Admission on the gate costs £14.50/£8.50 for adults and £12.50 for children. Discounts are available online at www.thehopfarm.co.uk. Find out more on the website or by calling 01622 872068.



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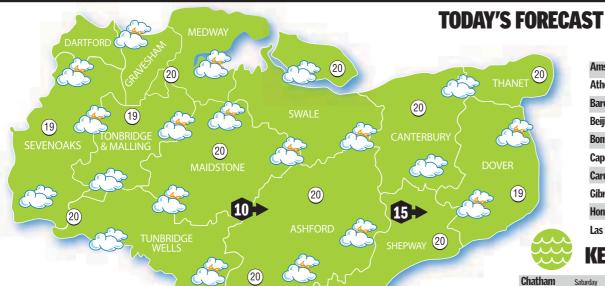
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## After years of bit-part roles Justin proves he's not on The Rebound

#### BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

TWELVE years ago he was playing roles that didn't even appear on the movie's closing credits. But now, Justin Bartha - aka the anonymous clubgoer in the 1998 disco film 54 - has reached leading man status with his latest movie The Rebound.

Along the way there have been hits (National Treasure, The Hangover) and misses (Gigli), but 32-year-old Bartha says he feels "extremely grateful for all the great things that have happened".

The first of his family to forge a career in acting, started out in high-school plays and doing community theatre, before training at university in New York only to find himself "bum-

ming around trying to get a job".

That first job was behind the camera, as a production assistant on Analyze This in 1999. Later that year, he made his professional acting debut in a short film called Tag. A few quiet years followed before he joined the then couple-du-jour Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez in the universally panned Gigli in 2003. Then a year later, he finally got his big break as the comedic computer whiz Riley Poole in the National Treasure films. In romantic comedy The Rebound Bartha

plays Aram Finkelstein, a directionless 24-year-old who becomes a nanny for Sandy, the perfect suburban wife, played by Catherine Zeta Jones, who's just discovered her husband has been having an affair. The pair embark on a relationship that goes swimmingly until reality rears its ugly head.

"It's a really great romantic comedy and something everyone can enjoy," says Bartha.

"It's a New York love story where Catherine and myself have just got out of bad relationships but find it's the wrong time to explore theirs because of their ages and where they



THE SENSITIVE TYPE: Justin Bartha plays children's nanny Aram Finkelstein in the romantic comedy The Rebound

are in their life.'

Written and directed by Julianne Moore's husband Bart Freundlich, Aram's optimistic and romantic stance on life makes him a refreshingly sympathetic male character.

"Aram is a nice guy and there's some role reversal in the movie," says Bartha. "You're so used to seeing men in movies being aggressive idiots who are only looking for sex. Aram is a sensitive man and that's really interesting. He's almost too sensitive.

But, despite Bartha's eagerness, it was to be a few years before he was cast.

Director Freundlich has since explained that

he needed to explore a wide range of people to be sure Bartha was the right choice – and Bartha readily admits he thought he wouldn't get the role after hearing Catherine Zeta Jones had been cast as Sandy.

As for working with our home-grown star, Bartha's nothing short of gushing. "She's fantastic. Who doesn't like her?'

It's lucky they got along, as the pair share an intimate moment on a sofa before being inter-

rupted by Sandy's son.
"It's very awkward doing those scenes," he laughs. "In that scene I have to fall off this couch and kept scraping my chest, so by the

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end of the day I had this rash on it. It was very 'not sexy'.'

Another scene that creates a big laugh happens when Aram takes Sandy on a date to see his best friend's amateur dramatic showcase, which turns out to consist of 46 theatrical scenes - with no interval.

"What's funny is that it seems like such a comedy scene but acting workshops really are like that," he says. "I've been to tons of them."





#### YOUR TV REVIEW SHERLOCK: BBC One, 9pm, Sunday FIFTH GEAR: Five, 7.30pm, Thursday

WITH autumn approaching, the schedules will soon be full of new shows hoping to grab your attention

for the remainder of the year. Sherlock is the BBC's highest-pro-

Whether or not the decision to bring Sherlock Holmes back was based on the success of the recent film is not something I can enlighten you on, but it's an interesting point.

Curiosity in the character has no doubt been revived due to Guy Ritchie's film adaptation, but rather than set this in days past it has been dragged kicking and screaming into the present day.

Holmes is now a man who surfs the net and has Dr Watson on speed-

There's a fantastic iPhone application that lets you download a whole collection of the Sir Arthur Conan

#### BY TOM BETTS

Doyle-penned Holmes books for free, so I took a look earlier this year.

Holmes is really not the straightlaced deer-stalker-wearing square he is often played as.

In fact he is a much spikier pedant than you would think, so choosing the angular Benedict Cumberbatch as the man to play the super-sleuth could turn out to be a good move.

Meanwhile, Martin Freeman steps into faithful companion Dr Watson's

Brought to you by two of the men behind the Doctor Who revival, expect this to be the next big thing, or to sink without a trace.

AS Top Gear grows ever more fanciful and has less to do with motoring with each passing episode, the driver who is actually interested in cars would be forgiven for switching to Fifth Gear instead.

This is not the new kid on the block, and has actually been around since 2002, but adheres more to the style of old Top Gear, rather than the re-launched ego fest of Clarkson, May and Hammond.

This show actually road tests cars the average man may actually one day have a chance of driving, and touches more on the issues that con-

cern your average motorist.
It is probably not as funny or entertaining as Top Gear, but copying the old format of its rival (old TG presenters Tiff Needel and Vicky Butler-Henderson are employed here), which looked like a dumb move in the early days, has actually turned out to be its biggest strength.



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## Home-grown acts create a great day



ROCK ON: Coronal were one of many great acts at Create Music Festival

#### BY **DOMINIC GREENWOOD**

OFFERING everything from cheesy covers to crashing guitars, Create Music Festival kept thousands entertained in Ashford's Victoria Park on Sunday. With an incredible 11,000 peo-

With an incredible 11,000 people through the gate, Create has become the county's leading free festival, a feat made all the more impressive by the fact that nearly every band on the line-up was home-grown.

The festival boasted extra stages this year with an acoustic tent, a dance tent and the Right Track Music stage for younger bands.

For the first time it also offered a bar, and as the threatened rain held off many enjoyed a cold beer in the sum in front of the main stage.

Many of Kent's best-known acts made an appearance, many of which have already enjoyed a busy festival season.

Luke Jackson, a singer-songwriter whose talents belie his years, and 'unhinged' folk act Los Salvadores have both already played sets at Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm, and both put in a spirited performance at Create on the acoustic and main stage respectively

stage respectively.
Other highlights included Ashford metal band Coronal, whose charismatic frontman succeeded in firing up the crowd throughout the band's brutal half-hour set.

Many acts peppered their sets with covers, which was appreciated by those looking for a hint of familiarity.

Five Floors Up were particularly good in this respect, and headliners Green Date, a convincing Green Day tribute band, rounded off the event with an effective trawl through the Californian three-piece's back catalogue

Organiser Chris Dixon from Ashford council said: "Create 2010 has been phenomenal, and no doubt the best yet. It is amazing what can be achieved when local talent, audiences, event UPLOAD YOUR MUSIC VIDEOS TO BROADCAST ON OUR WEBSITE @

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MUSIC FESTIVAL: A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm



BAND PRACTICE: Zinta Egle and her



#### TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

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- 3 Ron Bowdery The Return of Alfred E (from New Eltham)
- 4 Gristlefridge Unbreakable (from Whitstable) 5 Stereohype – Invaders Must Die (from Deal)

organisers, local businesses and local sponsors all work together to deliver something as positive as this for our community – Ashford can be very proud of itself this week.

"After every Create, you always feel so exhausted you can n ever think of running another, but after seeing so many smiling faces and families getting together today I can safely say Create will be back for July 2011."



HIGH OLD TIME: Kitzbühel in the Austrian Tyrolean has an adventurous side away from its more well-known skiing and snowboarding activities



# Adventurous pursuits on offer in the Austrian Tyrol

#### BY RICHARD JONES

WHILE glitzy Kitzbühel's infrastructure is perfectly prepared for the deluge of skiers and snowboarders, there is a very different feel to the area come summer.

When the hedonism and intensity of the ski season has melted away, visitors relish the gorgeous scenery and, even better, try the variety of adventurous pursuits on offer in the area

I began my four-day break on the Saturday evening, and checked into what would be my base for the trip the four-star Hotel Jägerwirt, run by the same family for four generations. The first dinner for our 10-strong

The first dinner for our 10-strong group was a hearty combination of lamb, potato gratin and spinach, before a nightcap at Flannigan's, the local Irish bar.

Next morning, the minibus whisked us off to the Mountain High centre in Kirchdorf – to be measured for wetsuits, life jackets and helmets for our first activity – the family rafting.

Our time in the 12ft x 6ft raft was

Our time in the 12ft x 6ft raft was great fun, and the highlight was jumping out of the vessel to float down through the rapids on our backs, before climbing out and jumping from a cliff face into a plunge pool.

The rafting course took us into a part of Germany for a short while, through the wildly romantic Klobenstein Canyon, until the minibus came to collect our equipment and return us back to Mountain High.

After lunch, we took the fiveminute walk from the hotel to the Mountain Edge bike centre.

Our guide Rob provided helmets, gloves and bikes, before leading us

#### FACT FILE: AUSTRIA

Time difference	+Two hours (GMT)
Capital	Vienna
Language	German
Population	8,350,000
Currency	Euro
Climate	Temperate

Richard Jones was a guest of Crystal Lakes & Mountains, which offers seven nights' half-board at Hotel Jägerwirt in Kitzbühel from £639. Thomson Lakes has an Austrian Adventure package based on the Mountain High Adventure Centre, Kirchdorf, from £645, including flights ex-Gatwick, transfers, and seven nights' half-board accommodation.



on a specially tailored ride to the lake at Schwarzsee, a haven for local holidaymakers on this particular weekend – a Tyrolean bank holiday with the sun shining

with the sun shining.

There was an Italian buffet at the Jägerwirt on Sunday night, while Monday morning promised our third activity of the week — canyoning. This was not for the faint-hearted, and four of our group backed out when peering over the edge of the gorge.

But those of us who stuck with it were rewarded with an hour of sheer excitement involving slithering down rockslides carved into the rock, jumping into frothing plunge pools, hanging from cliff faces, and floating down through ice-cold water on our backs until we reached the rest of our party at the base.

After the adrenaline rush of the morning, it was time for a gentle

three-hour walk through farms, forests and flowery meadows and up to a waterfall on the south side of the Kitzbüheler Horn, which offered us excellent views across the town.

After a dinner of Wiener Schnitzel, a few of us embarked on a night out in Kitz, stumbling from the town's main nightspot, The Londoner bar – jam-packed to the rafters during ski season – in the early hours.

There were sore heads next day as we tried Canadian canoeing. Though the canoes were safe and stable, steering them proved difficult and we had countless collisions with the rocky banks and capsizes galore.

While we were on the river, the under-14s on our trip had a swim and splash around in a nearby lake.

The farmers' buffet at the Jägerwirt was the perfect way to round off our week in Austria.

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#### **MOTORS** NEWS



## Swift's winning formula remains for all-new car

SUZUKI has adopted the 'don't fix it if it ain't broke' approach to the next Swift supermini arriving this autumn.

The current car rejuvenated the Japanese brand in the eyes of UK consumers when it burst upon the scene in 2005, with a package of style, handling and keen pricing.

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The winning looks have been largely retained for the all-new car, but Suzuki says handling and stiffness plus the interior have been upgraded. There will also be a new range of more frugal engines.



## Cheaper, neater Astra estate is coming soon

VAUXHALL has followed its impressive Astra five-door hatchback with a predictably stylish estate – or Sports Tourer, as the brand prefers it.

Priced from just £16,575 and arriving later this year, it will cost some £500 less than the current Astra Estate entry model, but gains more standard equipment and 'seats-up' cargo volume. It will also cost just £995 more than equivalent hatch models and be built in the UK alongside them at Ellesmere Port. It is expected to take 10 per cent of Astra sales.



#### **Customer insight helps Honda's hybrid to grow**

HONDA has improved the specification and settings of its Insight hybrid in response to early customer feedback.

The suspension of the Ford Focus class five-door hatch has been adjusted to improve ride comfort and refinement, while interior trim has been boosted there is even a new EX model with leather and sat nav priced from £20,215.

Pricing for the Insight starts at

Pricing for the Insight starts at £16,325 for the SE model, but Honda's current Affordable Driving offer lowers this to an attractive £14,995 until the end of September.



FRONTRUNNER: Honda's current Accord can now compete with its German rivals on quality, ride and driving experience and the Tourer is a classy executive load lugger in this sector

# Honda produces a real rival to 'Teutonic Tourers'

AFTER a bit of huffing and puffing, Honda finally came good on its vow to challenge the Germans in the junior executive car race.

The current Accord is a big improvement over its predecessors and, while pricier than before, can compete on quality, ride and driving experience with the BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes C-Class, though none of these is an out and out leader in my book.

But if the German trio thought they could sigh with relief that Honda's ambition did not quite deliver the killing blow, their nervousness will have returned with the later launch of the Accord estate car.

For this stylish take on the handsome saloon is a real rival to the lucrative executive sporting estate or 'Touring/Avant' sector that the German marques invented; the Honda load-lugger is even called a Tourer.

But where this label was worn rather awkwardly by its more utilitarian predecessor, the new Accord Tourer was born to it.

The trade-off is that the latest estate is rather less capacious than the old car, which

## ROAD TEST HONDA ACCORD

#### BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY	OUT OF FIVE
Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

could almost have served as a hearse.

As with the Accord saloon, prices are also higher than before (from £22,215), but one cannot dispute Honda's claim that it delivers far more in refinement, equipment and fit and finish. Used values are also showing up better across all Accord models, so you might pay more for your new Accord, but you will get more back.

The best-selling version of the new Tourer is the 2.2iD-TEC or so-called 'whispering diesel'; coupled with those higher residual values it appeals to lease companies and fleet buyers and delivers more of that prestige company car business that Honda wants so badly to wrest from the Germans.

And top-selling trim is the £25,040 ES GT married to the diesel with sports suspension, half-leather upholstery, an 'aero' bodykit and 17-inch alloys as standard.

It's a classy executive load lugger and if the price looks high against German rivals, check how much kit they throw in for a similar price.

The quality of the interior of the Honda is also excellent.

Some may feel the dashboard appears overly complex, but it all falls to hand well and is intuitive to use.

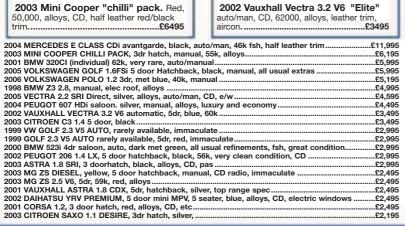


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09 KIA PICANTO 2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ORANGE, 2000 MILES	£7.995
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07 DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 MILES	£6,995
07 DAIHATSU SIRION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 MILES	£6,995
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06 FIAT PANDA ELEGANZA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 MILES	£5.995
06 FIAT PANDA ELEGANZA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 MILES	£4,995
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10 FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1400 MILES. 08 FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 15000 MILES. 08 FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 15000 MILES. 07 FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 MILES. 07 FORD FUSION STYLE CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 MILES. 07 FORD FUSION STYLE CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 MILES. 07 FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 4000 MILES.	£11,995
08 FORD FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 MILES	£8,995
07 FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 MILES	£8,995
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08 CITROEN C4 SX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1800 MILES	£9,995
08 CTIROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DH HATCH AUTO, WICKED HED, 5000 MILES	£8,995 £7.995
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06 FORD MONDEO GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 23000 MILES	£7,995
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08 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 MILES	£8,495
08 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 4000 MILES	£7,995 £7.995
06 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, MAUVE, 19000 MILES	£6,995
07 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 16000 MILES	£6,995
04 VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 12000 MILES	£4,695
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08 MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 MILES 07 MAZDA 3 3 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 9000 MILES 06 MAZDA 6 15 SDR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 MILES 06 MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 21000 MILES. 07 MAZDA 2 5 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 MILES. 04 MAZDA PREMACY GSE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 MILES	£10,995
06 MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 MILES	£9,99t £8.99t
06 MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 21000 MILES	£8,995
04 MAZDA PREMACY GSE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 MILES	£5,99t £4.99t
SUZUKI	
09 SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 450 MILES. 07 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA VYT + ESTATE 4X4, BLUE, 19000 MILES. 06 SUZUKI (SING GL VYT-S 50P HATCH AUTO, GREY, 40000 MILES. 06 SUZUKI SWIFT GLX VYTS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 40000 MILES.	.£10,495
07 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA VVT + ESTATE 4X4, BLUE, 19000 MILES	£8,995
06 SUZUKI SWIFT GLX VVTS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 40000 MILES	£5,995
TOYOTA	
07 TOYOTA RAV-4 XT3 VVT-I ESTATE AUTO 4X4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES	£13,995
07 TOYOTA RAV-4 X13 VVI-I ESTATE A010 4A4, GRET, 17000 MILES	.£10,498
07 TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVT-15DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 MILES	£9,995
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08 TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 6000 MILES	£8,995
07 TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-1 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 MILES	£8,995 £8.995
07 TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, VENETIAN SILVER, 23000 MILES	£7,495
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08 TOYOTA VARIS TS VIVT-1 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES. 07 TOYOTA AURIS TS VIVT-1 SMP HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 MILES. 07 TOYOTA AURIS TS VIVT-1 MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES. 07 TOYOTA VARIS T SPRINT VYT-1 SDR HATCH AUTO, VENETIAM SILVER, 23000 MILES. 04 TOYOTA COROLLA TS VVT-1 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 MILES. 04 TOYOTA VARIS T SPRINT VYT-1 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 25000 MILES. 01 TOYOTA VARIS T SPRINT VYT-1 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 48000 MILES. 01 TOYOTA COROLLA S VVT-1 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 48000 MILES.	£5,995
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09 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, BEIGEBUFF, 2000 MILES	.£10,495
07 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 5000 MILES	.£10,495
06 NISSAN MICRA CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 12000 MILES	£9,995
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08 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, RED, 14000 MILES	£8,49t
07 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES	£7,995
06 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES	£6,995
07 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 MILES 07 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 27000 MILES	£6.995
04 NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO. GOLD. 6000 MILES	£5.49£
04 NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, ARUBA BLUE, 9000 MILES	£5,495
03 NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 32000 MILES	£4,495
02 NISSAN MICRA S 5DR HATCH, RED, 27000 MILES	£2,995
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03 ROVER 45 IMPRESSION S 3 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 43000 MILES	£2,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE CDTI 8V 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 11000 MILES	£12 qq
09 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 7000 MILES	£10,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 14000 MILES	£9,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 14000 MILES	£8,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES	£8,995

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08 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, ECLIPSE BLACK, 5000 MILES	£10,995
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09 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TO MPV AUTO, SILVER, 999 WILES	
07 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 MILES	£9,995
09 VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 MILES	
08 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 MILES 07 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, PANNACOTTA, 10000 MILES	£9,495
06 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 16000 MILES	
06 VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 MILES	
06 VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 MILES	
08 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 7000 MILES	
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08 PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 MILES	
07 PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 MILES	
07 PEUGEOT 307 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 MILES	£7,495
07 PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 4000 MILES	£7,495
07 PEUGEOT 307 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 17000 MILES	
06 PEUGEOT 307 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 MILES	
06 PEUGEOT 307 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, MAROON, 11000 MILES	
04 PEUGEOT 206 SE 5DR HATCH, MOONSTONE SILVER, 36000 MILES	£4,995
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07 MITSUBISHI LANCER EQUIPPE ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 9000 MILES	£5,995
05 MITSUBISHI LANCER EQUIPPE SALOON AUTO, BLACK, 51000 MILES	£3,995
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07 HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4X4, BLACK, 16000 MILES	
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07 HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 MILES	£8,995
03 HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 MILES	£6,495
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09 MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CLK200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 13000 I	/III ES 629 950
08 MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180 KOMPRESSOR SE SPORTS COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 18000 MIL	
07 MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 23000	
09 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 8000 I	
09 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE LWB 5DR HATCH AUTO, BROWN, 5000 I 06 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 ELEGANCE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 MIL	
06 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 ELEGANCE SE LWB 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 13000	
07 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000	
07 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE SWB COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000	
06 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, COMET GREY, 23000 07 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE SWB HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 MILES	
03 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A140 CLASSIC SE HATCH AUTO, METALLIC GREY, 25000	
03 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A140 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 46000	
VOLKSWAGEN	
07 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA SE TDI TD SALOON AUTO, GREY, 14000 MILES	
06 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 MILES	
07 VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 14000 MILES	
07 VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 22000 MILES	£1,495
05 VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 30000 MILES	
03 VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 41000 MILES	
01 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH, RED, 63000 MILES	£3,995
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05 BMW 3 SERIES 320D ES TOURING TO ESTATE, GREY, 5100 MILES	C12 00F
07 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA VVT + ESTATE 4X4, BLUE, 19000 MILES	
05 VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT 16V TWINPORT COUPE, BLACK, 25000 MILES	£7,995
04 FORD MONDEO ST TDCI 5DR TD HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 45000 MILES	£7,495
06 VAUXHALL VECTRA VVT EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH, SAPPHIRE BLACK, 26000 MILES	£6,995
04 TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 MILES	
07 KIA PICANTO LS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 17000 MILES	
08 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE PLUS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 3000 MILES	£4,995
06 HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH, SEASIDE BLUE, 40000 MILES	
04 PEUGEOT 206 SE 5DR HATCH, MOONSTONE SILVER, 36000 MILES	
01 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH, RED, 63000 MILES	

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#### \*\*\* CAR OF THE WEEK \*\*\* 06 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.8 CLUB AUTOMATIC, 32,000 miles, blue, 5 door, e/w, e/m, p/s, air con, alloys very clean car

DIESEL
57 MERCEDES - BENZ GL CLASS 320 CDi 4 MATIC ,18,000 mls, Sat Nav, Electric pack, Silver, Full leather trim, privacy glass, fully loaded. Available for£34,995
05 BMW 530 DIESEL SPORT. Automatic M'Tec Design, Sat Nav, silver with full black leather trim, voice command, FSH. Available for£12,995
56 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI (170) SPORTSLINE, Metallic Grey with sports trim, Bose Audio Syatem, Multi-function steering wheel, Service history£11,995
54 KIA SEDONA 7 Seater, Silver, Full leather trim, In car entertainment, 5 sp, Alloys, Roof rail, Full electric pack, Side loading door£4,995
54 SAAB 93 1.9 TD VECTOR , Metallic blue with two tone tan leather trim, 6 speed, multifunction steering wheel, CD player. A well maintained car

#### **SUMMERTIME**

55 (06) VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE 1.6 LUNA CONVERTABLE, 22,000 mls, Silver with black power hood, New upgraded 18" Alloys, Electric pack. A stunning car	£9,495
03 AUDI TT (150 BHP) Cabriolet Metallic Blue with Black leather trim, Alloys, Black hood, well maintained Rarely available	£6,995
05 FORD 1.6I STREET KA LUXURY, 55,000 mls, Sports blue with black leather trim, Service history, Alloys, Electric pack, Clean	£4,995
02 SAAB 9.3 2.0 TURBO SE, 63,000 mls, Service history, Silver with blue power hood, Full black leather trim, Air con, boot spoiler	£4,995
R BMW Z3 1.8 , Bright red with full black leather trim, black hood, New MTEC Alloys, CD player, Service History	£3,995

#### AUTOMATICS

AUTUMATIUS
55 MERCEDES - BENZ C CLASS C200 KOMPRESSOR 3 DOOR AUTOMATIC WITH PANORAMIC ROOF (Full length), Metallic Grey, ESP Climate control£9,495
57 CADILLAC CTS SPORT LUXURY AUTOMATIC, 17,000 mls, Sat nav with in car entertainment. Silver with full unmarked leather trim, every extra. Still under manufacturers warranty £6,995
04 MERCEDES C180 KOMPRESSOR COUPE, every extra. Sat nev, Full panoramic roof, Leather, Electric pack, 74,000 mls, S/history, Metallic blue - Due in shortly£6,995
03 JAGUAR S-TYPE 4.2V8 AUTOMATIC WITH TOUCH SCREEN SAT NAV, Ice pearl blue, Full leather trim, Upgraded alloys
02 FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC AUTOMATIC, Full leather trim, Metallic red, 65,000 mls, Air con, Alloys. Very clean
X VOLVO C70 COUPE 2.5T AUTOMATIC, Black with full two- tone leather trim, Service history. A very desirable car
Y ROVER 75 2.5V6 CONNOISSEUR AUTOMATIC, Metallic red with black leather trim with white piping, 54,000 mls . A clean and reliable car£2,495

#### MPV

02 RENAULT ESPACE 2.0 AUTHENTIQUE, 7 seater, 50,000 mls, Silver with grey trim, Climate control, Electric pack .....

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05 AUDI A4 1.8T SPORTSLINE,71,000 mls, Ice metallic blue with grey 'Sportsline' trim, CD Multi-changer (New mdl), Service history	£8,995
04 BMW 520 SE (New shape), Metallic black with full tan leather trim, Manual, 6 speed, Fully loaded, lovely service history. A lovely car	£7,995
03 BMW 318i, Metallic blue with grey trim, rear parking aids, pgraded alloys, P/S, C/L, ABS, E/W, E/M. Well maintained	£4,495
04 PEUGEOT 206 2.0 GTi (180 bhp), 56,000 mls, 3 door model, black with sports leather trim, Climate control. Very clean	£3,995
55 CHEVROLET TACUMA 2.0 CDX, Silver 34,000 mls, Air con, E/W, C/L, P/S, ABS	£2,695
02 SKODA FABIA 1.4 CLASSIC ESTATE, 62,000 mls, Blue/Grey trim, P/S, E/W, Air con, Remote C/L, ABS, 1 owner, Clean car	£2,695
02 ROVER 75 1 8 SALOON Metallic blue with grey velour trim Air con Central lock ARS Alloys Clean for year	£2 495

#### **LOW INSURANCE**

05 ASTRA 1.4 BREEZE (New shape), 5 door, grey metallic with contrasting trim. Very clean inside and out. Drives really well. Low insurance	£3,995
54 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC, 3 Door, Black with grey trim, C/L, P/S, E/W, Alloys, ABS, S/History. Clean car	£3,695
04 HYUNDAI 1.1 GETZ GSi, 3 door, 43,000 mls, Silver with grey trim. LOW INSURANCE- LOW ROAD TAX	£2,695
54 FIAT PUNTO ACTIVE SPORT, 3 door, 68,000 mls, silver with blue flec trim, Alloys, P/S, CD player. Ideal 1st car, 1 owner	£2,695
W ROVER 25 1.4, 5 Door, British Racing Green, Grey trim, Low insurance. Ideal first car	£1,295
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P CHEVROLET CAMARO 3.8 V6 2 DOOR AUTO 30TH ANNIVERSARY, 74,000 mls, Metallic green with yellow Viper stripes on bonnet, roof and tailgate. Detachable glass roof. LHD. Imprinted seats. Well maintained. A very clean car for year - ROCK 'n' ROLL.

#### !!!!SAXO VTR \ SAXAPPEAL\ SAXO VTR !!!!!

W CITROEN SAXO 1.6 VTR - WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Metallic black with full cream leather Recarro trim. Full 'Sniper' body kit including front and rear aprons, bonnet bulge with mesh intake, 17" highjoin 10 spoke alloys, twin big bore predator exhaust system, privacy glass, D-locked rear door, CD player, sunroof, m-tech mirrors, clear rear lights, procomp extras. £1000's spent on this car. £3,995

#### UNDER £2000!

53 CHRYSLER 2.0 NEON LX AUTOMATIC, silver, Full leather trim, A/C, Alloys, CD Player
02 VAUXHALL VECTRA 2.2 SRi (150), 5 DOOR, Silver with grey sports trim, FSH. a clean car£1,995
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#### First-time buyers key to getting market moving

HOUSE prices fell last month, with Halifax's house price index showing a 0.6 per cent drop and the LSL/Acadametrics index showing prices decreasing by 0.5

But LSL/Acadametrics reports a 7.7 per cent year-on-year rise in prices, with Halifax showing a 6.3 per cent rise.

Analysts say the average property price in England and Wales is £218,119.

Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax, said: "The June price fall continued the trend of a slowdown seen since the beginning of this year, following a moderate recovery in 2009. This pattern is in line with our view that prices will remain pretty much unchanged this year."

LSL/Acadametrics also reveals a 20 per cent jump in the number of properties sold to 63,500 in June - up from 52,975 in May.

David Brown, commercial director at LSL Property Services, says the key to a market recovery lies with first-time buyers. But he adds: "We can't discount further prices falls in the next few months

as the market continues to stabilise."

And Peter Williams, chairman of Acadametrics, says traditionally the number of houses sold in June is higher than in May.

He said: "This year sales in May were abnormally low, possibly owing to uncertainty as a consequence of the election."

#### **Study shows seven-year** low for mortgage rates

MORTGAGE rates are at their lowest for seven years, according to new research.

The study by Moneyfacts.co.uk found

the average interest-rate on a two-year fixed rate mortgage is 4.52 per cent the lowest since September 2003.

Interest rates on fixed rate mortgages have been dropping since September last year, as lenders attempt to entice borrowers away from low standard variable rates (SVRs).

"Many borrowers are opting to remain on record low SVRs and overpaying their mortgage rather than secure a new deal at a higher rate," said Michelle Slade, Moneyfacts.co.uk spokesperson.

"Lenders are trying to persuade borrowers onto new fixed rate deals by making significant cuts to rates.

"Previously, only deals for borrowers with large deposits were seeing cuts, but as the market improves borrowers with smaller deposits are being offered more competitive deals too.'



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## Landlords facing mortgage woes if interest rate rises

#### BY NICK AMES

FOUR out of ten landlords reckon they would not be able to cover the mortgage payments on their properties if interest rates increase by two per cent.

A fortnight ago the Bank of England held the base rate at 0.5 per cent for the 16th consecutive month, which is just as well as according to a poll by flat share website Spareroom.co.uk, who discovered four out of ten UK landlords are receiving rents barely covering the monthly mortgage repayments on their properties.

For 22 per cent of respondents, a rate rise of just one per cent would mean the sums don't add up, and for ten per cent of landlords questioned the situation is far worse, with a rate rise of just 0.5 per cent resulting in a rent-mortgage shortfall.

The research also revealed that six out of ten landlords have been forced to hike monthly rents since the start of the year, with one in five planning to increase rents by five per cent this year, and 18 per cent factoring in an increase of between three and five per cent.

However, more than half of these landlords said they are worried that they could lose loyal and valuable tenants as a result.

Spareroom.co.uk director Matt Hutchinson describes Britain's landlords in a catch-22 situation.

He said: "On the one hand the rise in Capital Gains Tax for higher rate taxpayers means that many landlords either won't be able to sell their buy-to-let properties full-stop or will sell at a far greater loss. "At the same time, holding onto their properties means they are



**BALANCING ACT:** Many UK landlords would face a rent-mortgage shortfall if the interest rate rose by two per cent

at the mercy of the Bank of England and facing higher mortgage payments."

Some landlords have also expressed confu-

sion over the concept of 'fair wear and tear' which has prompted tenancy deposit protection scheme, mydeposits.co.uk, to create a guide for landlords offering advice on how to make a sound judgement call at the end of a tenancy period.

As there are no hard and fast rules on what is reasonable for wear and tear the new guide aims to help landlords weigh up the different factors involved in the decision-making process.

A number of areas, from the length of the tenancy period to the occupants themselves and the difference between wear and tear and damage, are explored.

The guide also highlights the importance of communication between landlord and tenant, particularly at the outset of the tenancy, when the landlord can set expectations of the tenants and the final condition of the property.

## Energy-efficient homes to miss stamp penalty



HOMEOWNERS are being advised to make their homes more energy efficient before putting them on the market if proposed stamp duty penalties come into force.

Ministers are examining introducing an increase in stamp duty for homes which fall into the lowest efficiency bands.

According to one home energy expert, buyers could be put off purchasing homes with poor energy efficiency to avoid paying an extra 0.5 per cent on top of their stamp duty bill.

Marc Blomfield, managing director of The National EPC Company, a leading provider of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) said: "Millions of homes with poor insulation, draughty windows and inefficient boilers could be subject to the stamp duty penalty, potentially putting off buyers.

"Despite scrapping home information packs, the Government has signalled its intention to increase household energy efficiency by retaining the EPC as a required marketing tool.

"The stamp duty penalty would be a further incentive for homeowners to make energy saving improvements to their homes and would be a part of the proposed Green Deal initiative, which includes measures to help

homeowners pay for efficiency improvements."

The stamp duty penalty suggestion was included in a report commissioned by former Chancellor Alastair Darling and could be tied in with a package of energy saving incentives.

Marc Blomfield added: "The Government is committed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions and sees households as the major target. More than 40 per cent of the UK's CO2 emissions result from choices people make as individuals, with the majority coming from the home."

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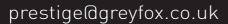
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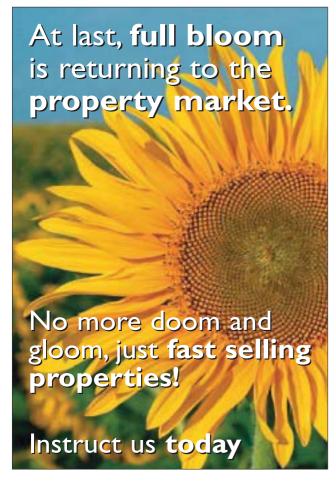


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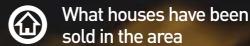


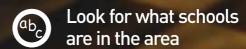


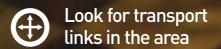


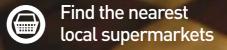
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### **Kent League Premier Division**

Bromley 1st XI v Lordswood 1st XI

LORDSWOOD'S hopes of the Premier Division title look remote after they were thrashed by 156 runs at championship contenders Bromley.

The side's second successive defeat left them sixth in the table, 36 points behind St Lawrence and Bromley with just six games remaining.

The home side put the pressure on from the very beginning as they opted to bat after winning the toss. Their openers put on a brisk 55 before Kevin Masters bowled James Goodman, but the breakthrough did little to alter Bromley's momentum.

James Butterfill (116) and Miguel Barbosa (53) shared a terrific stand worth 138. When they were finally out in quick succession, to Lyndon Lockhart and Christopher Vernon respectively, it gave the remaining batsmen a licence to play with freedom.

Chris Harris' 50 from 38 balls rubbed salt into the wounds as the hosts reached 300 from their 50 overs.

All of Lordswood's victories this season had come in chasing down a score, but 301 looked a long way off when Vernon and Lockhart were back in the pavilion with just 26 on the board.

The visitors' biggest problem was a lack of partnerships, their biggest was the meagre 24 put on by Alan Pattenden and Chris Piesley for the third wicket. The former finished top scorer with just 27 as the innings unravelled.

The result was well beyond doubt with a large chunk of the innings still remaining, but their tail enders hung on until the 45th over, when Lordswood were bowled out for 144.

This weekend they host Bickley Park.

# Thrashing a blow to Lords' title ambitions



**OUTPLAYED:** Chris Piesley hit just 15 for Lordswood as they were soundly beaten in all departments by Bromley at the weekend

## **Bromley 1st XI**

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### **LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP**

#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**

Linden Park 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

HALF-centuries from Adam Hodder and Michael Hales Jnr helped Upchurch beat Linden Park by six wickets to remain in the promotion places.

Daniel Parker took two wickets as Linden Park made an unsteady start, before Dominic Lanaway (49) and Abhijit Kale (69) took control. Michael Brown's unbeaten 44 added impetus in the closing stages as the hosts closed on 225 for 9

Michael Hales got the Upchurch reply off to a flier, hitting 43 from 40 balls. The key partnership came for the fourth wicket, when Hodder (58 not out) and Hales Jnr (52) put on 103 to set up the victory.

David Thomas ......ct Collis b Parker John Harvey ... ct Hodder b Barnett Alexander McDonald ... ct Hales jnr b Parker

Dominic Lanaway	c&b F	lales inr		49
Abhiiit Kale	run oı	ut		69
Stuart Clarke	lbw b	Hodder		8
Matthew Withers	ct Shi	irley b Hodde	r	4
Michael Brown Ben Entacott	not ou	ut		44
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James Saunders	ct Shi	irley b Parkeı	r	4
Dan Scott-Ham	not or	ut		3
Extras	(1b 3l	b 11w)		15
Total	(9 wid	ckets, 50 ove	ers)	225
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	11	1	48	3 1
Theo Barnett	8	0	46	1
Marc Bond	6	3	22	0
Kevin Cunningham Jnr	6	0	37	0
Michael Hales Jnr	11	2	20	2
Craig Bewick	2	0	15	0
Adam Hodder	б	1	33	2
<b>Upchurch 1st XI</b>				
Michael Hales	ct Hai	rvov h I anav	/av	Runs
Andrew Shirley	ct Sai	inders h Ent	acott	28
Adam Hodder				
Theo Barnett	ct Kal	le b Lanaway	·	13
Michael Hales jnr	lbw b	Entacott		52
Marc Bond	not or	ıt		24
Lee Stepney	did no	ot bat		
Daniel Parker	did no	ot bat		
Alan Collis	did no	ot bat		
Kevin Cunningham jnr	did no	ot bat		
Craig Bewick	did no	ot bat		
Extras	(4b 2	w 2nb)		8
Total	(4 wid	ckets, 46 ove	ers)	226
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
	0	M	R	W
Abhijit Kale	12	0	48	0
Dominic Lanaway	14	0	40	2
Ben Entacott	11	0	89	2
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#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR**

Bexleyheath 1st XI v Rainham 1st XI

A DAZZLING innings from Kaween Karunamuni finished off a thumping five-wicket victory for Rainham away to

The hosts batted first after winning the toss and found it difficult to score throughout. Only Pat Heath (33) made an impact, but it took him 87 balls before being caught by

Chasing 167 for victory, Rainham lost three of their batsmen for single figures. Phil Bellars (37) and Stuart Chipperfield (33) calmed nerves before Karunamuni pressed the accelerator with an explosive 53 not out from just 33 balls as Rainham staved third in the table.

#### **Bexleyheath 1st XI**

Kaj Patel				
Russell Allen	ct Bur	ns b Small .		18
Ravi Patel	b Lea			14
Hamish Kumar	b Buri	ns		11
Chris Shears	b Buri	ns		2
Craig Richley	c&b B	urns		13
Pat Heath	ct God	odwin b Lea		33
Chris Hobbs	ct Kar	unamuni b \	Vaters	18
Tom Beaumont	not οι	ıt		15
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Grantleigh Burnham				
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Rainham 1st XI				
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Andy Parkinson	ct Bo	ne b Beaumo	nt	8
Paul Newton	ct He	ath b Kumar		7
Phil Bellars	b Bon	ie		37
Tom Waters	ct Bo	ne h Hobbs		5
Stuart Chipperfield				
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Matt Goodwin				
Kevin Waters	did no	nt hat		
Chris Small				
Oliver Lea				
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Tom Beaumont	4	0	24	1
Hamish Kumar	9	2	30	1
Grantleigh Burnham	4	0	31	0
Chris Hobbs	7	2	29	1
Phillip Bone	4 7 5 3	1	23	1
Ravi Patel	3	0	18	1
Kavi Patei	)	U	10	1

#### **KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST**

Blue Bell Hill 1st XI v The Mote 3rd XI

BLUE Bell Hill's relegation worries deepened as they lost to fellow strugglers The Mote 3rds by two wickets.

Anay Patel's 75 provided a useful anchor for the hosts' innings, but it was a pity only Paul Brivio (32) could give any genuine support. The effort faded in the latter stages, not helped by two run outs, as they finished on 179 for 8.

The Mote did not have anyone who could replicate Patel's innings, but consistent scoring proved the difference. Blue Bell Hill's bowlers came close to saving the game, which was eventually lost after 41 overs.

#### **Blue Bell Hill 1st XI**

Mike Sewell	ct Tay	lor b Kumar		I
Ian Hayward	ct Ali	h Kumar		16
Anay Patel				
Paul Brivio				
Leigh Short	ct Cro	whurst b Ta	ylor	2
Graham Noakes	b P U:	her	- 	9
Sam Dixon				
James Underwood				
Michael Coney				
John Underwood				
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Paul Usher	10		36	
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Dan Taylor		2	28	1
Nathan Waite	8	2	28 26	0
Richard Usher	9	ī	37	
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Robert O'Brien	b Und	erwood		13
Norman Ali				
Lawrence Freeborn	ct Sev	vell h Under	wood	42
Jonathan Crowhurst				
Richard Usher				
Chris Feltham				
Dan Taylor	ct Cor	ey b Sewell		28
Nathan Waite	b Sew	ell		5
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Paul Usher				
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James Underwood	12	3	29	2
Ian Havward	8	1	32	1
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#### **KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST**

Frindsbury 1st XI v Tonbridge 1st XI

FRINDSBURY won a low scoring game against Tonbridge by 39 runs to consolidate their top-half position in the Championship East.

On an afternoon when no other batsman could pass 30, Robert Sait's superb 75 was always likely to be the key, and so it proved

Chasing 157 for victory, Tonbridge lost a wicket before they had got off the mark. After a 50-run second wicket stand the wickets fell regularly, with Sam Dudgeon and Mark Gracey taking four each. Chris Mumford took the final wicket to wrap up victory in the 38th over.

#### Frindsbury 1st XI

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Robert Sait	b N Sh	75		
Sam Dudgeon	ct K B	22		
Mike Nock				
Laurence Claughton				
Samuel Gracey				
Peter Elswood		IL		
Chris Mumford				
Matt Payne	b Pate	1		0
Mark Gracey	lbw b	Patel		1
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Julius Marshall				
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John Simmons				
Khurram Shehzad				
Stephen Allen				
Kevin Batley				
Martin Batley				
Ed Cattley				
Extras	(8b 5	lb 5w)		18
Total	( all o	ıt . 37.5 over	's)	117
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Chris Mumford	6.5			
Matt Payne	6	Ó	28	ō

# Hess urges McCammon to show he's the man

### **FOOTBALL**

#### BY DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM manager Andy Hessenthaler has challenged Mark McCammon to prove he can fill the void left by Simeon Jackson and rule out the need to sign another forward.

Adding a tall, physical goalscorer to the squad has been top of the Gills boss' wish-list this summer. He has had no success so far, with an approach to Aldershot for Marvin Morgan failing last week.

In theory the squad already has a player in the same mould, with McCammon signed two years ago to fulfil such a role. His career at Priestfield has disappointed to date, with injuries restricting him to just five goals in 28 starts.

#### **Opportunity**

An ankle problem has kept the 31-year-old out so far in pre-season, but he could play a part in tomorrow's friendly against Hearts at Priestfield. Hessenthaler is urging him to make the most of the opportunity and earn a place in his side when the season kicks off in ten days' time.

He said: "Mark's worked hard in the gym and I'd like to think he'd be involved against Hearts and I've given him the carrot of can he



**INCENTIVE:** Mark McCammon will be given a chance to cement a place in the Gillingham side

be our main man. He's been out for some time, didn't play a lot of football last year for one reason or another and he's got to prove to me now that he's fit - he could stop me from going

out and getting another striker because he's part of this football club. It's down to the lad

"Let's give him a chance. You have to look at his record and it's not that prolific. I don't think he's a natural goalscorer, but can he prove me wrong? At the moment there's nobody coming in, there are agents we've spoken to, but it's no further than that at the moment. He's got two weeks to prove to me he's the man.'

McCammon's return would help ease the burden on Gillingham's treatment room, which has got busier in the last week. Dennis Oli will be out for at least a month with a torn hamstring, while skipper Barry Fuller may also miss the start of the season with a knee

#### **Injuries**

With Garry Richards and Cody McDonald also missing games in pre-season, Hessenthaler admitted the two new injuries were the last thing he needed.

He said: "Barry's was a freak - he went in for a good challenge and won the ball and he's opened his knee up. It's like Dennis, he went in during a training session, over-stretched and his hamstring's gone. What can you do about these situations? You've just got to get

"It'll be a loss because since I've taken over the club Fuller's been a proper captain."

The Gills host Scottish Premier League side Hearts at Priestfield tomorrow. Kick-off is at

### TCE HOCKEY



UNAVAILABLE: Netminder Joe White

## Duo to battle it out for Mos netminder place

INVICTA Dynamos will have an all-new netminder combination for next season after signing the highly-rated Andrew Dickson.

The 22-year-old joins Mark Hartley on the roster of the Gillingham-based club, replacing last season's number one Joe White, who was unable to stay due to work commitments.

Dickson came up through the Belfast Giants' youth set-up in his native Northern Ireland, before switching to join the Edinburgh Capitals last season. He spent most of the campaign as an unused substitute, but did appear for the Elite League side against his former club.

The attraction of regular ice time has seen him drop into the National League with the Mos, much to head coach Kevin Parrish's

He said: "Andrew is keen to come here and make a name for himself this season.

"He has already expressed to me his enthusiasm to work alongside Mark Hartley, but also push him as much as he can for that starting spot."

## Freak Tedder injury mars Chats pre-season victory

#### FOOTBALL

A NASTY injury to James Tedder somewhat overshadowed Chatham Town's first run-out in pre-season as they won 3-1 at Herne Bay.

The goalkeeper, beginning his second spell at the club, needed stitches after splitting an eyebrow open in an accidental collision just 15 minutes into the game.

With no reserve stopper in the 22-man squad, defender Gary Cook had to fill in up to the break before striker Danny Penny went in between the sticks for the second-half.

Despite the goalkeeping problems it was a useful fitness exercise for the new-look Chats against a Bay side much further along in their preparations.

Nick Hegley, Ryan Restell and Callum O'Shea were all on target in the victory, which marked the debuts for the majority of the



FRIENDLY ADVICE: Manager Paul Foley talking to his players at the end of their win over Herne Bay in pre-season warm-up

squad. New Town boss Paul Foley fielded different sides in either half and was pleased with the outcome.

He told the club's website: "I never get too excited about the results in friendlies, especially the early ones, but it is always nice to score a goal or two and to get in the habit of winning.

"It is also important to get a win at a new club, we've scored the first goal now and won our first trophy too with the Eddie 'Titch' Willet Trophy in the Maidstone Road cabinet.'

The Chats hosted Stansted last night and carry on their pre-season with a trip to Kent League side Hythe Town on Saturday.

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